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"(*e*) The area cultivated during the last three years (1950, 1951 and 1952) was 10,447.41 acres and the area left waste was 3,033·80 acres."

Supply of ammonium sulphate to South Arcot district.

* 425 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the quantity of sulphate of ammonia supplied so far after decontrol to the South Arcot district and the quantity sold therefrom to other districts and to the traders therein?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER (on behalf of the Hon. Minister for Agriculture):—" A quantity of 2,532 tons of ammonium sulphate was available in South Arcot district on 1st October 1953 (i.e., after decontrol) for distribution. In November, 1,080 tons were transferred to South Arcot from other districts.

No quantity was transferred from South Arcot district to other districts.

A quantity of 477 tons was distributed to traders from the agricultural depots in Sourth Arcot district in October 1953."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN:—" நூற்றுக்கணக்கான டன் அமோனியம் சல்பேட் மதுரை, கோயமுத்தூர், சேலம், திருச்சிராப்பள்ளி ஆகிய ஜில்லாக்களுக்கு அனுப்பப்பட்டது. அதற்கான தாக்கீதுகள் மேலிருந்த ஜில்லாவில் இருந்தும் அனுப்பப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அது என் ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" Sir, I have stated that 1,080 tons of ammonium sulphate were transferred from other districts to South Arcot. The hon. Member has brought upon himself the adverse answer by his question."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN:—" ஒரு மூட்டை அமோனியம் ஸல்பேட் ரூ. 60-க்கு விற்றது அரசாங்கத்திற்கு தெரியுமா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" That is a different question, Sir. Let me have notice."

Construction of additional blocks in the Government Hospital, Kozhikode.

* 426 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the construction of the remaining two blocks in the Government Hospital, Kozhikode, will begin; and

(*b*) why it has been delayed?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" (*a*) & (*b*) The construction of the remaining two blocks of buildings in the Government Headquarters Hospital, Kozhikode, has been deferred owing to financial stringency."

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SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether for want of space in the hospital, so many patients are forced to lie on the floor and so many patients do not get admission? Will Government be pleased to reconsider the matter and construct two more blocks in the hospital? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Director of Medical Services is examining the proposal for purchasing a plot of land owned by a private company near the hospital and for constructing buildings."

Elections to the Malabar District Board.

* 427 *Q.*—SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state when the Government propose to hold elections to the Malabar District Board?

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" The elections to all district boards in this State will be completed before the 1st July 1954."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions 428 and 429 are on the same subject. The reply will be given together."

Agitation against the new Scheme of Elementary Education.

* 428 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state how many persons were arrested on account of the picketing and agitation against the new Scheme of Elementary Education district-war?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Arrests were made for defiance of prohibitory orders against taking processions in certain places and for intimidating children from going to schools and the like. The numbers are shown in a statement[a] placed on the table. Most of them were released all at once."

* 429 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the total number of arrests made of demonstrators against the introduction of the new Sscheme of Education so far up to 31st August 1953?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 428."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" முதல் மந்திரி அவர்கள் ஒரு ஸ்டேட்மெண்டை வைத்திருக்கிறார். அதில் சேலம் ஜில்லாவில் ஒருவர்கூட அரஸ்ட் செய்யப்படவில்லை என்றும், வட ஆற்காடு ஜில்லாவில் ஜூலை மாதத்தில் 3 பேரும், அக்டோபர் மாதத்தில் 6 பேரும் அரஸ்ட் செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள் என்றும் சொல்லப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இந்த ஜில்லாக்சளில் ஆயிரக்கணக்கான தொண்டர்கள் மறியல் செய்திருக்கிறார்கள். காலை வேளையில் மறியல் செய்த இவர்களையெல்லாம் கைது செய்யவில்லை. இதற்குப் பதிலாக பாடசாலையில் வாசிக்கும் மாணவர்களுக்கு பகல் உணவு அளித்துவந்ததை, அன்று

[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 755 infra.